

CRANSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

BUDGET ADOPTION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013

WESTERN HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL

400 PHENIX AVENUE

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY PUBLIC MEETING

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order – 6:00 p.m. – Convene to Executive Session pursuant to RI State Laws –

2. PL 42-46-5(a)(1) Personnel:

a. (Discussion of Termination of Non-Certified Employee “A”)

b. (Discussion of a Memorandum of Agreement between Cranston School

Committee and Teacher “A”)

3. PL 42-46-5(a)(2) Collective Bargaining and Litigation:

a. (Contract Negotiations’ Update – Secretaries)

b. (Teachers)

4. Executive Session

5. Call to Order – Public Session

6. Roll Call / Quorum

7. Executive Session Minutes Sealed – February 11, 2013

8. Minutes of Previous Meetings Approved – January 7 & 10, 2013

- 9. Public Acknowledgements / Communications**
- 10. Chairperson's Communications**
- 11. Superintendent's Communications**
- 12. School Committee Member Communications**
- 13. Public Hearing**
 - a. Students (Agenda/Non-Agenda Matters)**
 - b. Members of the Public (Agenda Matters Only)**
- 14. Consent Calendar / Consent Agenda**

RESOLUTIONS

SPONSORED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

13-02-01 – WHEREAS, a regional juried art competition was sponsored by the Scholastic Art and Writing organization on January 12, 2013, and

WHEREAS, on January 14th, the Cranston secondary art teachers were notified that their students had been awarded Gold/Silver Keys in various Visual Arts categories, and

WHEREAS, the students who had been awarded Gold Keys will now be judged on the National Level.

Be it RESOLVED, that the Cranston School Committee wishes to recognize and congratulate the following students for their wonderful

achievement:

Cranston High School East:

Gabriel Bielawski, Gold Key - Art - Mixed Media - Self Portrait

Giulia Davis, Gold Key - Art – Drawing – Self Portrait

Giulia Davis, Gold Key - Art Portfolio – The Becoming

Julia Lawson, Silver Key - Art – Painting – Julia

Sandra Lopez-naz, Gold Key – Art - Drawing – Color Wheel Self Portrait

Sandra Lopez-naz, Silver Key – Art – Mixed Media – Turnip

Jamall Osterholm, Gold Key – Portfolio – Drawing – Snake Woman

Monica Phan, Silver Key – Art – Mixed Media – Self Portrait

Emma St. Jean, Silver Key – Art – Drawing – Iceland

Cranston High School West:

Amy Andrews, Gold Key – Art – Drawing – Anime Pride

Francesca Branca, Silver Key – Art – Jewelry – Bead Works

Serena Colizza, Silver Key – Art – Fashion – Elizabethan Armour

Nicholas Corry, Silver Key – Art – Drawing – Live Wire

Annette Deion, Silver Key – Art – Drawing – Meet My Evil Twin, Wrath

Jillian Kelshaw, Silver Key – Art – Drawing – My Grandfather

Alexandra Pizzuti, Gold Key – Portfolio – Drawing – On the Gurney

Alexandra Smith, Gold Key, America Visions Nominee–Art–Drawing – “Baegone”, My Grandma

Austen Tiburcio, Silver Key – Art – Sculpture – Fragile. Face Up.

Park View Middle School:

Joseph Healey, Silver Key – Art – Painting – Self-Portrait

Brenna Rojek, Gold Key – Art – Painting – Fruitilicious

**Alexia White, Silver Key – Art – Mixed Media – One Keeps a Secret
While Others Tell Lies**

Hugh B. Bain Middle School:

**Laney Kong, Silver Key – Art – Mixed Media – Purple Lady, After
Picasso**

Rosemary Savath, Silver Key – Art – Painting – Cubist Pears in Blue

**Leah Struminsky, Silver Key – Art – Painting – Abstract Still-life with
Ukulele**

Western Hills Middle School:

Marina Mocerri, Gold Key – Art – Painting Mixed – Lipstick Trees

Keara Pedroso, Silver Key – Art – Mixed Media – “Kaleigh’s Flowers”

Cranston High School East:

**Gabriel Bielawski, Senator Reed Best in Show – Art – Mixed Media –
Self Portrait**

Teachers:

**Jill Cyr, Mary Ann Schultheis, Marty Russell, Valerie Bruzzi, Barbara
Voccola, Claudia Venditto, Heidi Copeman, Alicia Hawkins, Lisa Erb,
Cathy Cox and Gloria Budz**

Be it further RESOLVED, that these students and their teachers be presented with a copy of this Resolution signed by the members of the School Committee.

RESOLUTIONS

ADMINISTRATION – PERSONNEL

NO. 13-02-02 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year:

Samantha Filippo, Step 12

Education...URI, BS

Experience...Cranston Substitute

Certification...Secondary Math

Assignment...Park View 1.0 FTE

Effective Date...January 29, 2013

Authorization...Replacement

Fiscal Note...12311810 51110

Jennifer Marcello, Step 12

Education...Quinnipiac University

Experience...East Providence School Department

License...Occupational Therapy

Assignment...Itinerant .5 FTE

Effective Date...February 25, 2013

Authorization...New

Fiscal Note...11617070 51110

NO. 13-02-03 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Ashley Ryan, Special Ed Elementary\Middle

Mary Chemel, Secondary English

Christine Grzebien, Special Ed Elementary\Middle

Jessica Dunn, Music K-12

Dawn Lancellotti, Elementary

NO. 13-02-04 - RESOLVED, Whereas, there may be more qualified teachers who will apply for current positions, and would be a better fit for the district, and

Whereas, certain positions became available after the teacher selection of July 18, 2012 and more senior and/or qualified teachers may elect to occupy these positions, and

Whereas, there is uncertainty of sufficient Federal, State and local funding for general and categorical programs for the 2013-2014 school year, program reductions, student and district needs, consolidation of classes, re-alignment of staff and elimination of positions to more efficiently and effectively use the school system

resources, and

Whereas, positions occupied by retirees must be posted each year, and

Whereas, positions must now be made available for more senior/qualified teachers who are scheduled to return from leave, and

Whereas, the teacher does not have the required certification, and there may be more qualified individuals who will apply for these positions, and

Whereas, because of these concerns, and in accordance with Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Superintendent has recommended that the employment of certain teachers be terminated at the end of the 2012-2013 school year, and

Whereas, the Superintendent has sent prior notice to said teachers informing them of the specific reasons for their termination, and

Be it RESOLVED that said teachers be terminated at the close of the school year under provisions of Title 16 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, and

Be it further RESOLVED that the Superintendent notify those teachers of the School Committee's action to terminate their employment.

NO. 13-02-05 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following non-certified personnel be appointed as substitutes on a temporary basis as needed:

Richard Tucci, Custodian

NO. 13-02-06 – RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the termination of the following non-certified employee “A” be accepted.

NO. 13-02-07 – RESOLVED, that the School Committee approve or reject a Memorandum of Agreement with Teacher “A”.

BUSINESS

NO. 13-02-08 - RESOLVED, that the 2013-2014 Operating Budget, as recommended by the Superintendent, be approved.

POLICY AND PROGRAM

NO. 13-02-09 -RESOLVED, that at the recommendation of the Superintendent, the following Field Trip(s) of Long Duration/Conference(s) be authorized:

- 1. Christine Luther-Morris, teacher at Cranston High School West,**

and 15 students, to travel to Boston, MA to participate in the Twelfth Annual Boston Invitational Model United Nation Conference hosted by the Boston University International Affairs Association from February 22 – 24, 2013, at no cost to the School Department. Please see the attached Field Trip of Long Duration form.

2. Audrey Romanelli, ESL at Horton, to travel to Washington, DC to attend the AFT ELL/SWD Training/Conference from February 27 – March 1, 2013, at no cost to the School Department; funded by AFT. Please see the attached Conference Form.

15. Action Calendar / Action Agenda

16. Public Hearing on Non-agenda items

17. Announcement of Future Meetings – February 14, March 13 & March 18, 2013

18. Adjourn Public Work Session

School Committee members who are unable to attend this meeting are asked to notify the Chairperson in advance.

Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the Superintendent's Office at 270-8170 72 hours in advance of meeting date.

Any changes in the agenda pursuant to RIGL 42-46-6(e) will be posted on the school district's web site at www.cpsed.net, Cranston Public Schools' administration building, 845 Park Ave., Cranston, RI; and Cranston City Hall, 869 Park Ave., Cranston, RI and will be electronically filed with the Secretary of State at least forty-eight hours (48) hours in advance of the meeting.

Notice Posted: February 7, 2013